

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for providing a mobile network notification service comprising:  
  
receiving a first telephone number associated with a first notification service customer;  
  
receiving an indication that a first telephone corresponding to said first telephone number has been powered on and is available in a mobile network;  
  
determining a mobile network status of a second telephone corresponding to a second telephone number in response to locating said second telephone number in a notification list associated with said first notification service customer; and  
  
transmitting said status to said first notification service customer.
2. The method of claim 1 further comprising transmitting said indication to a third notification service customer in response to locating said first telephone number in a notification list associated with said third notification service customer.
3. The method of claim 2 wherein said transmitting said indication is password protected by said first notification service customer.
4. The method of claim 2 further comprising:  
  
receiving an indication that said first telephone has been powered off and is no longer available in said mobile network; and  
  
transmitting said indication that said first telephone has been powered off to said third notification service customer in response to locating said first telephone number in said notification list associated with said third notification service customer.
5. The method of claim 2 wherein said indication is transmitted to a voice mail system accessible by said third notification service customer.

6. The method of claim 2 wherein said indication is transmitted to a web page accessible by said third notification service customer.

7. The method of claim 2 wherein said indication is transmitted to a third telephone associated with said third notification service customer.

8. The method of claim 2 wherein said indication is transmitted to a short messaging service accessible by said third notification service customer.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein said determining is initiated by said first telephone.

10. The method of claim 1 wherein said determining is initiated by a server in communication with said first telephone.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein said determining is performed on a pre-selected periodic basis.

12. The method of claim 1 further comprising transmitting an instant message to said second telephone.

13. The method of claim 1 further comprising determining a geographic location of said second telephone and transmitting said geographic location to said first notification service customer.

14. The method of claim 1 wherein said status of said second telephone is displayed on said first telephone.

15. The method of claim 1 wherein said indication is received from a home location register located in said mobile network.

16. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

transmitting said indication to a second notification service customer in response to locating said first telephone number in a notification list associated with said second notification service customer, wherein said second notification service customer is associated with said second telephone number.

17. The method of claim 1 wherein said transmitting said status is password protected by a second notification service customer associated with said second telephone number.

18. A system for providing a mobile network notification service comprising:

a network;

an application server in communication with said network; and

a first telephone in communication with said network, said first telephone corresponding to a first telephone number, associated with a first notification service customer, and including instructions to implement a method including:

transmitting an indication to said application server via said network that said first telephone has been powered on and is available in a mobile network;

transmitting a request to said application server to determine a mobile network status of a second telephone corresponding to a second telephone number in response to locating said second telephone number in a notification list associated with said first notification service customer;

receiving said status via said network; and

displaying said status on said first telephone.

19. The system of claim 18 wherein said network is the Internet.

20. The system of claim 18 wherein said application server is implemented in Java.

21. A system for providing a mobile network notification service comprising:  
a network; and

an application server in communication with said network, said application server including instructions to implement a method including:

receiving a first telephone number associated with a first notification service customer via said network;

receiving an indication via said network that a first telephone corresponding to said first telephone number has been powered on and is available in a mobile network;

determining a mobile network status of a second telephone corresponding to a second telephone number in response to locating said second telephone number in a notification list associated with said first notification service customer; and

transmitting said status to said first notification service customer via said network.

22. The system of claim 21 wherein said network is the Internet.

23. The system of claim 21 wherein said application server is implemented in wireless markup language or wireless application protocol.

24. The system of claim 21 wherein said application server is implemented in hypertext markup language.

25. A computer program product for providing a mobile network notification service comprising:

a storage medium readable by a processing circuit and storing instructions for execution by the processing circuit for performing a method comprising:

receiving a first telephone number associated with a first notification service customer;

receiving an indication that a first telephone corresponding to said first telephone number has been powered on and is available in a mobile network;

determining a mobile network status of a second telephone corresponding to a second telephone number in response to locating said second telephone number in a notification list associated with said first notification service customer; and

transmitting said status to said first notification service customer.